

# CEMENT PRODUCTION

## Energy Storage for Manufacturing and Industrial Decarbonization Workshop “Energy StorM”

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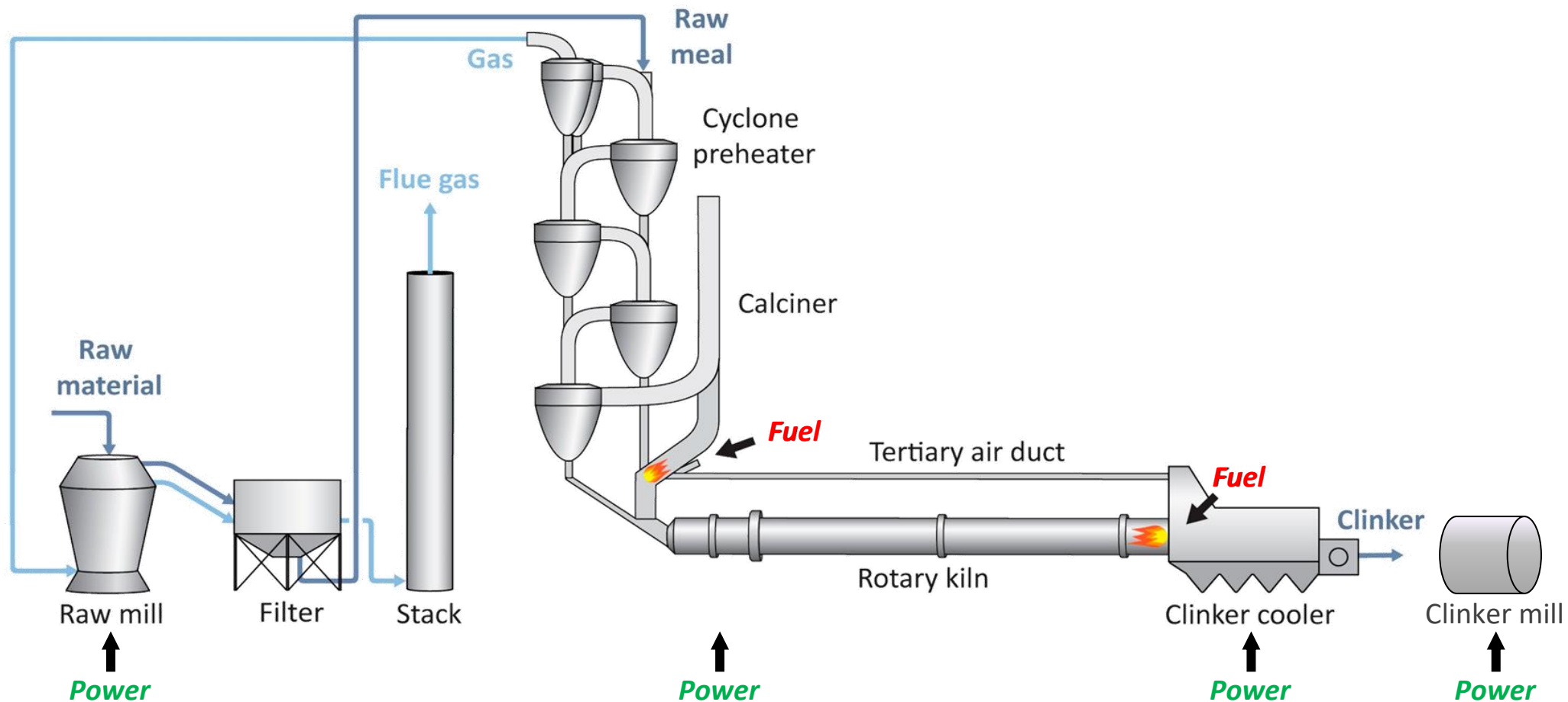
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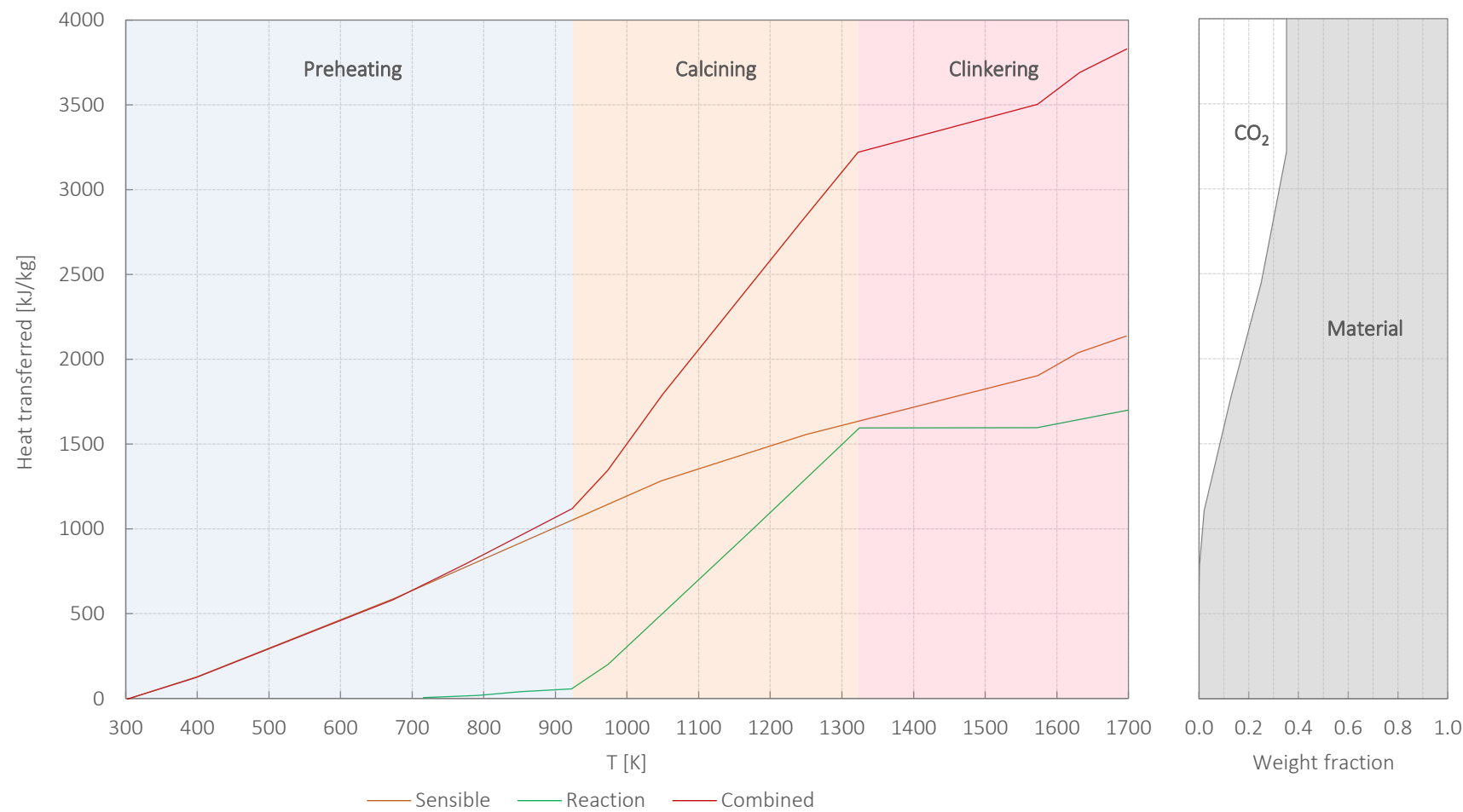
# CLINKER MANUFACTURING PROCESS

## PRODUCTION PROCESS



## CLINKER THERMOCHEMISTRY

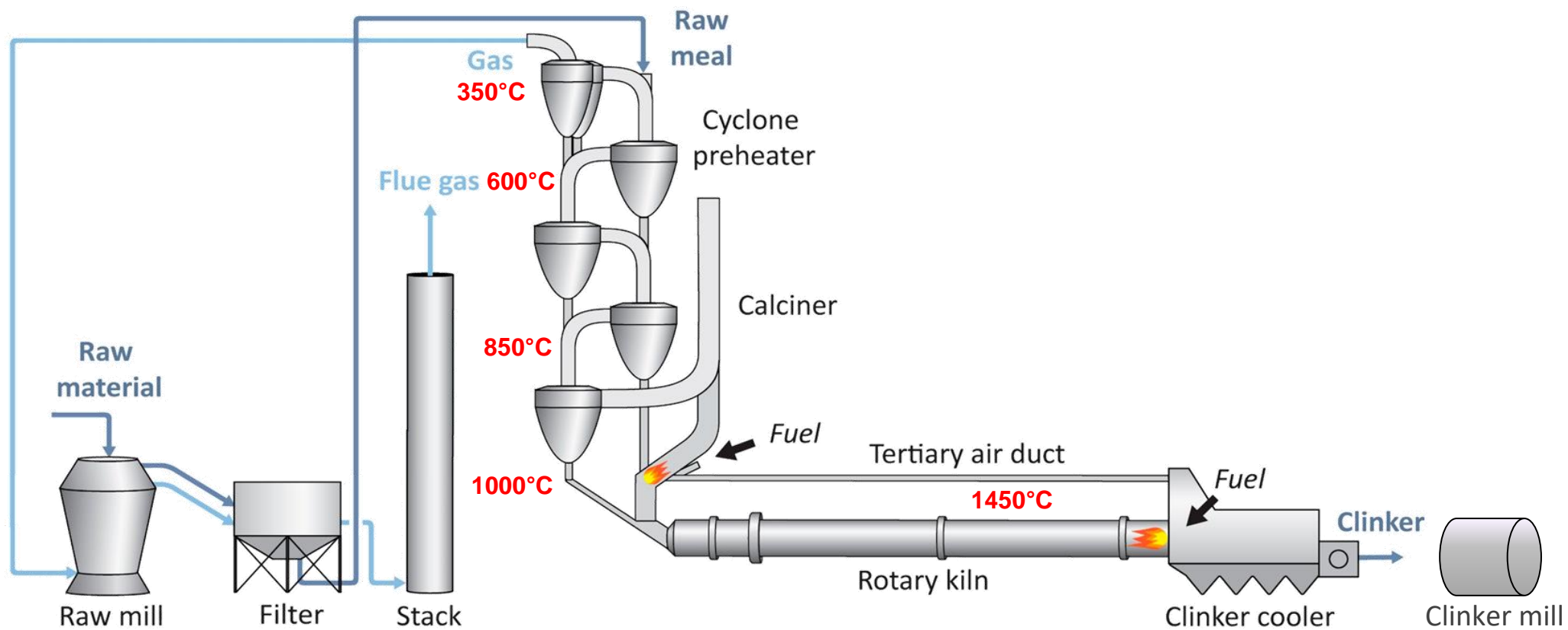
Cumulated reaction and sensible heat as a function of material temperature. **Sensible heat is largely recovered.**



Source: [https://www.cementkilns.co.uk/ckr\\_therm.html](https://www.cementkilns.co.uk/ckr_therm.html)

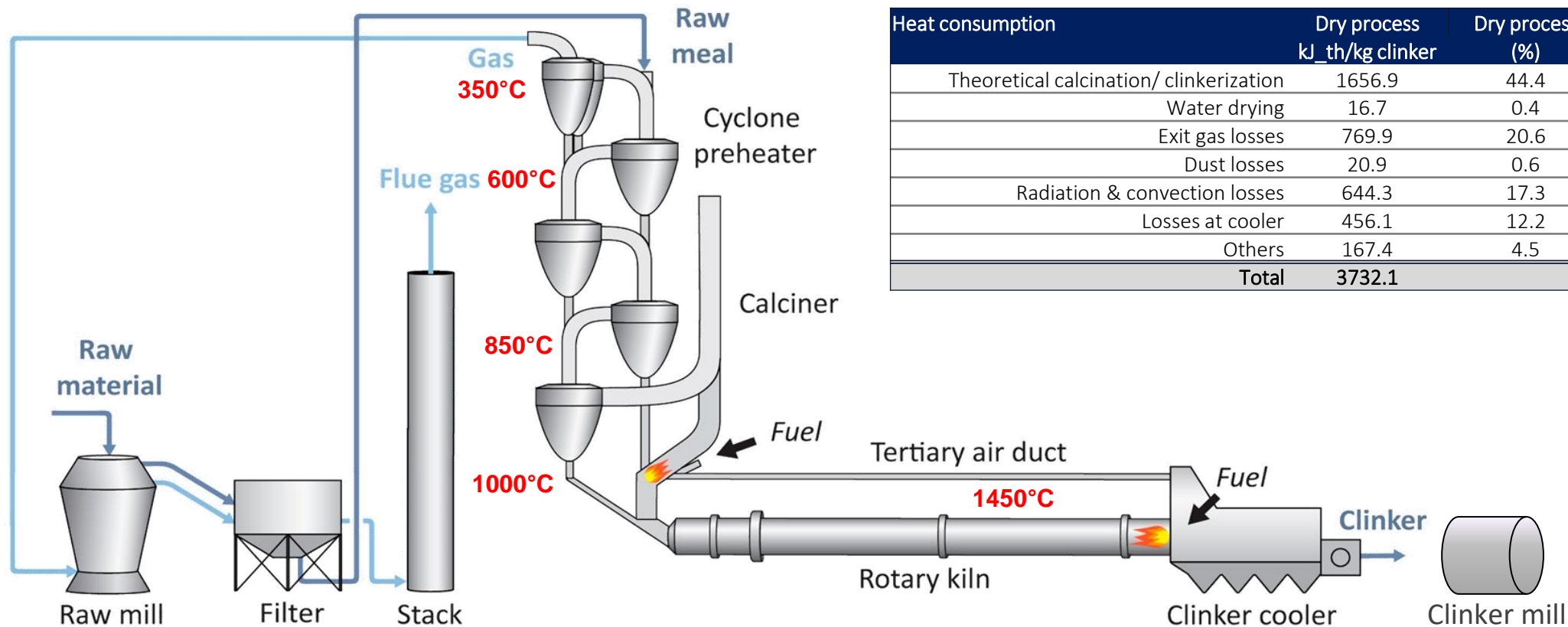
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## TEMPERATURES



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## ENERGY REQUIREMENTS

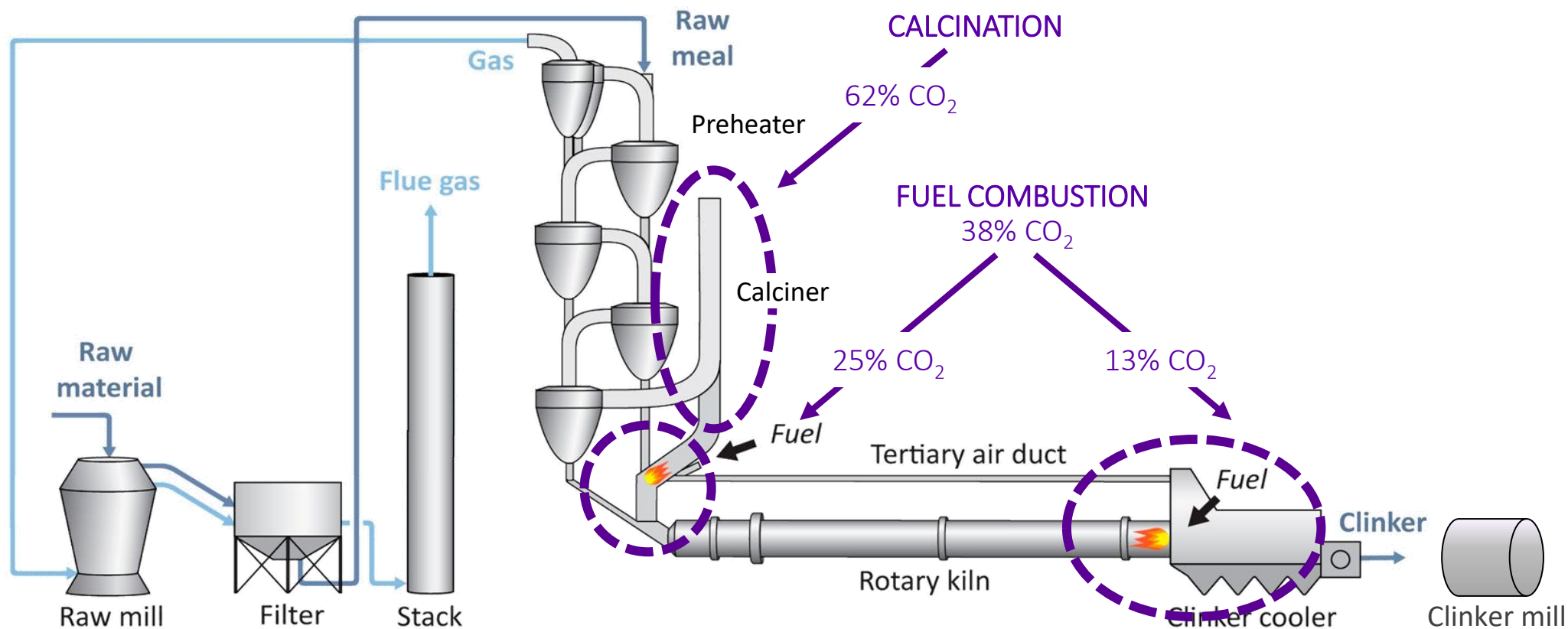


Heat consumption	Dry process kJ_th/kg clinker	Dry process (%)
Theoretical calcination/ clinkerization	1656.9	44.4
Water drying	16.7	0.4
Exit gas losses	769.9	20.6
Dust losses	20.9	0.6
Radiation & convection losses	644.3	17.3
Losses at cooler	456.1	12.2
Others	167.4	4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3732.1</b>	

Power consumption	Dry process kWh_el/t clinker	Dry process kJ_el/kg clinker	Dry process (%)
Clinker grinding	44.0	158.4	40
Raw materials grinding	22.0	79.2	20
Kiln gear	27.5	99.0	25
Quarry- related consumption (crusher etc.)	16.5	59.4	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>396.0</b>	

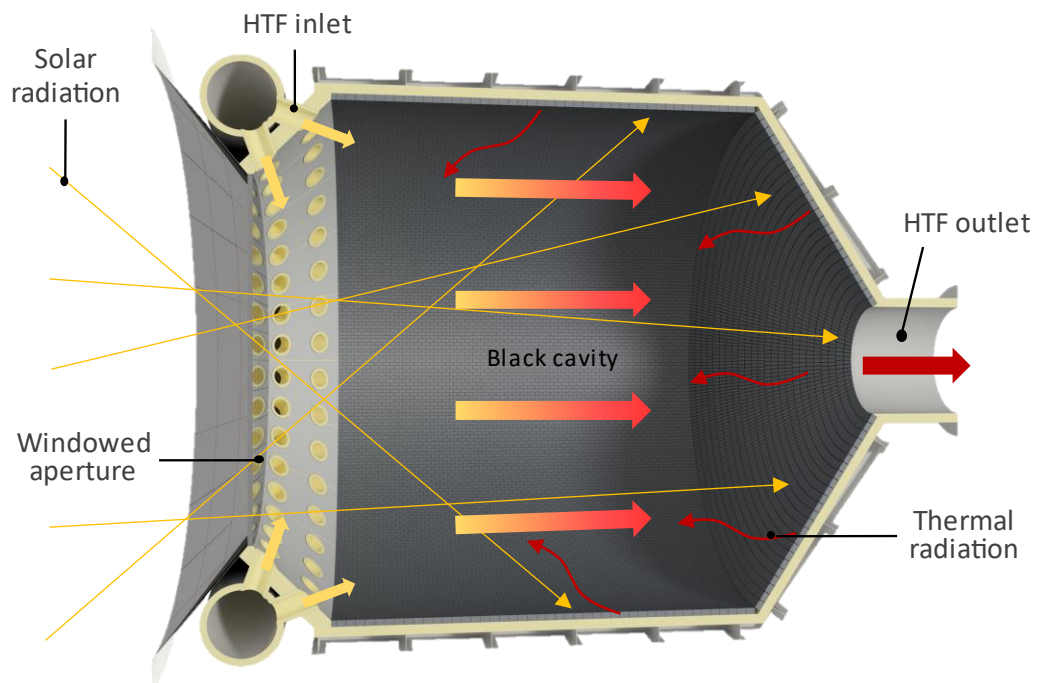
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## CO<sub>2</sub> GENERATION



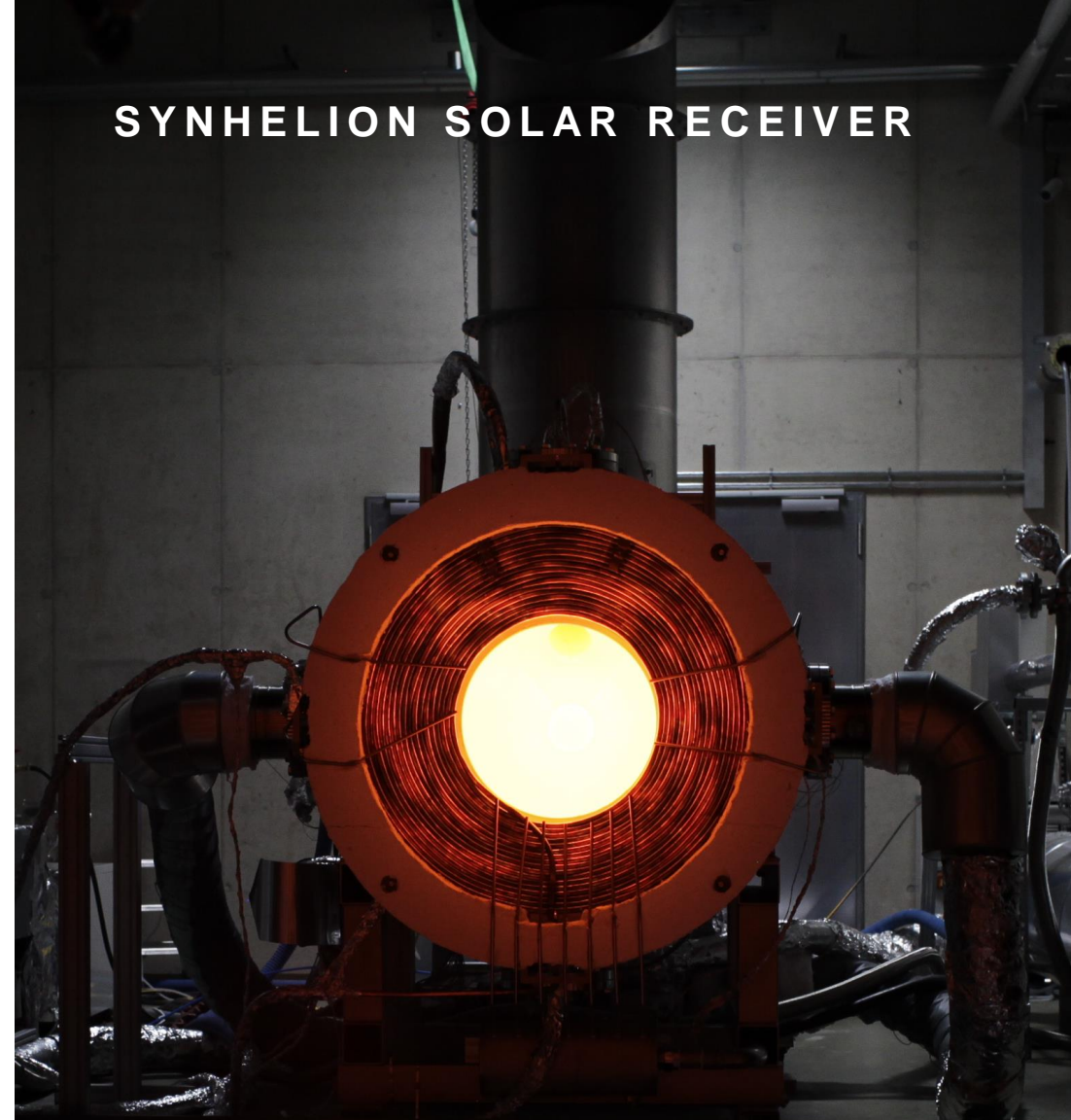
3732 kJ/kg clinker ➡ Total CO<sub>2</sub>: 828 kg/t clinker  
62% from calcination

The IR radiation-absorbing (greenhouse) gas is heated by the thermal radiation of the receiver walls and acts as heat transfer fluid (HTF).



- ➔ Delivers clean solar process heat at up to 1500°C with receiver efficiency > 80% at moderate solar concentration ( $\sim 1 \text{ MW/m}^2$ )
- ➔ HTF:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  vapor or mixtures of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  (greenhouse gases)

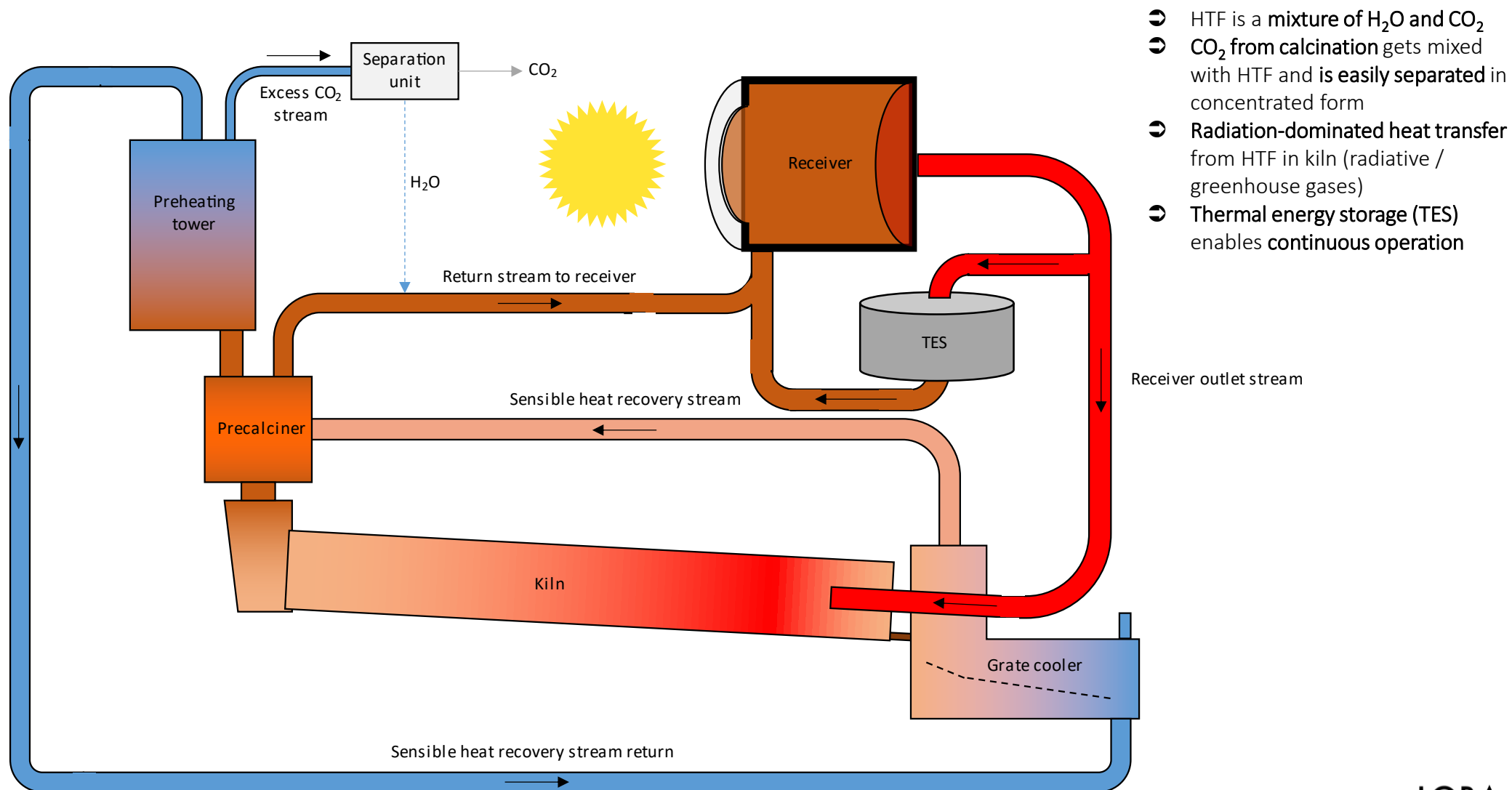
## SYNHELION SOLAR RECEIVER



The 250 kW receiver unit glowing after tests at DLR's Synlight  
(Jülich, Germany)



## SOLAR-DRIVEN PYRO-PROCESSING OF CLINKER

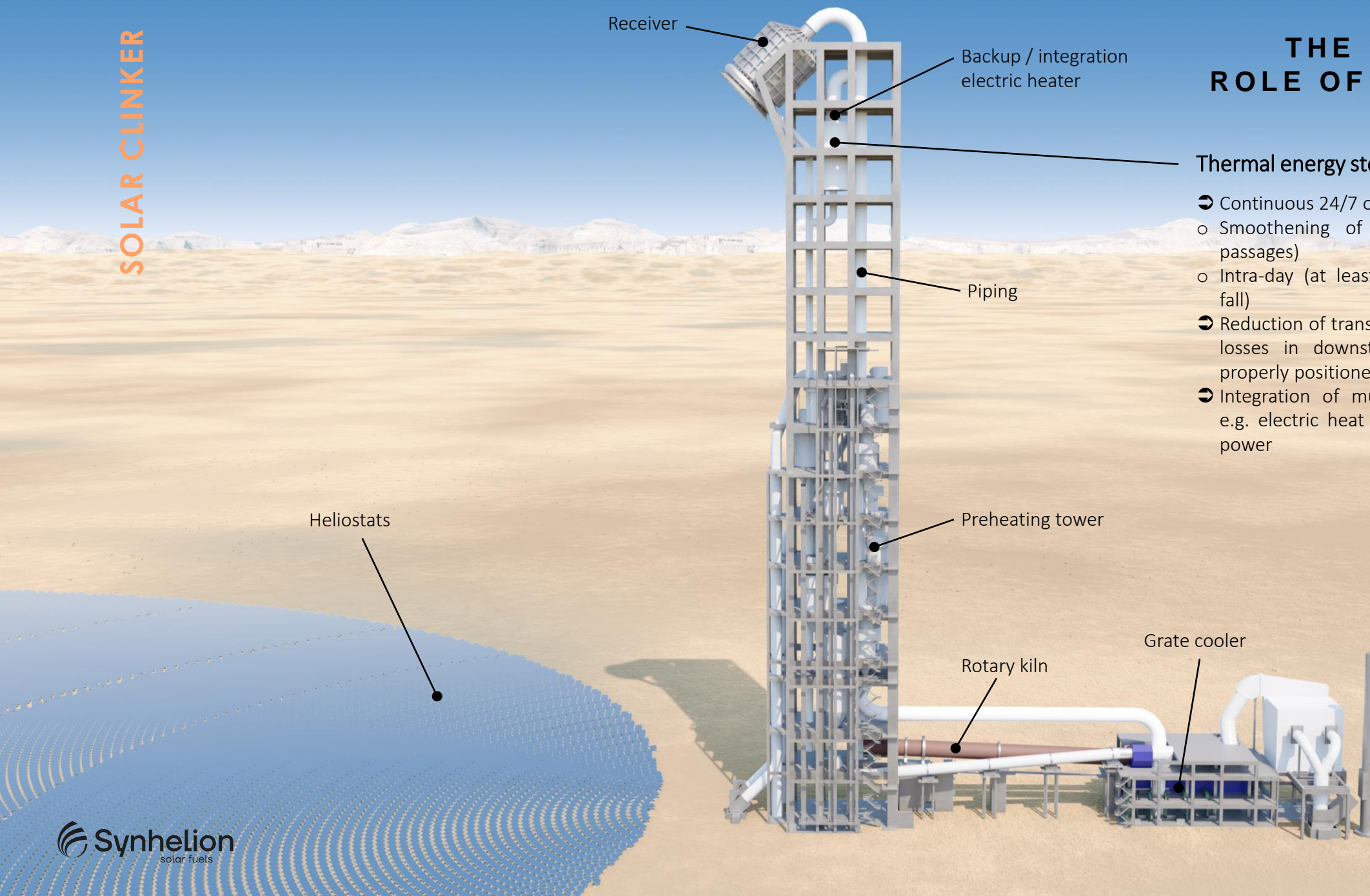




## THE ENABLING ROLE OF STORAGE

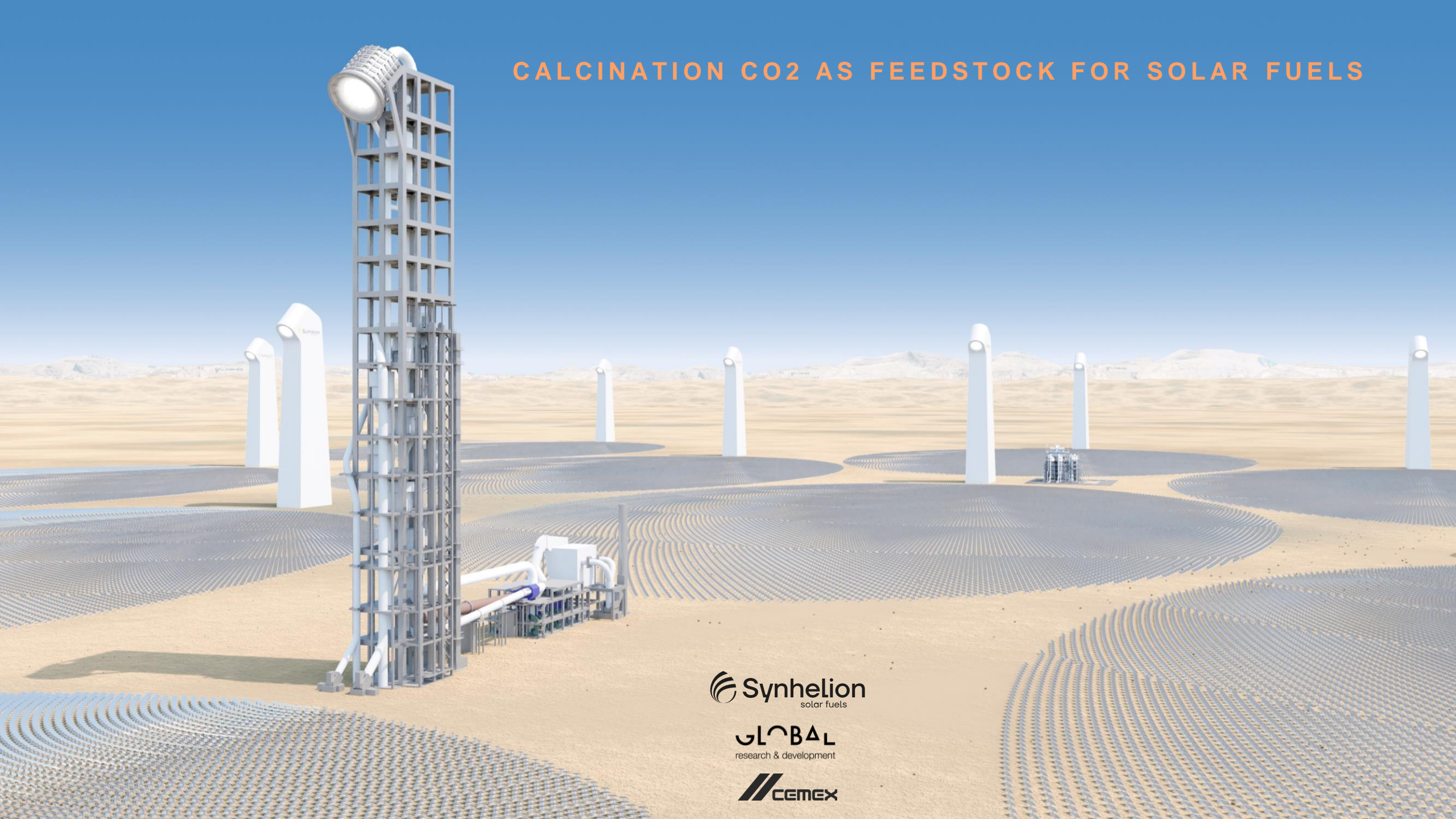
### Thermal energy storage (TES)

- ➔ Continuous 24/7 operation
  - Smoothing of daily fluctuation (cloud passages)
  - Intra-day (at least in spring, summer, and fall)
- ➔ Reduction of transient (thermal inertia) heat losses in downstream piping (if storage properly positioned)
- ➔ Integration of multiple stochastic sources e.g. electric heat from curtailed renewable power





# CALCINATION CO<sub>2</sub> AS FEEDSTOCK FOR SOLAR FUELS



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